

# Press Release

## HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

### Department of Community Services



#### PUBLIC SAFETY

"Ensuring a Safe  
Harford"

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"Preparing Now,  
Building for the Future"

#### EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT

"Governing Smarter"

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"Growing and Sustaining  
Harford's Prosperity"

#### ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

"Protecting Our  
Environment"

#### QUALITY LIVING

"Safeguarding What is  
Important to Harford  
County Citizens"

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### **Celebration of Cultures brings people together**

(Bel Air, MD) - - A steady stream of Harford County residents filled the grounds of the Bel Air Reckord Armory on Saturday, May 3, 2014. They experienced the excitement of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Cultures hosted by LASOS (Linking All So Others Succeed), Harford County Human Relations Commission, and the Town of Bel Air. It was sponsored by the Harford County Cultural Arts Board and APGFCU. The Celebration was a family-friendly event designed to spotlight the many cultures that call Harford County home.

Attendees enjoyed cultural performances throughout the day including:

- Amartia the Bellydancer
- Saints Mary Magdalene and Markella Greek Orthodox Church Dancers
- Kilcoyne Irish Dancers
- Chungs Martial Arts Demonstration
- Storytelling with Janice the Griot

People experienced world trade exhibits. A favorite was Guess the Culture where attendees saw and handled odd items and tried to guess where the items originated and their use. There was even a chance to taste some treats at this station.

Talented local artisans offered handmade wares ranging from jewelry to pottery at reasonable prices.

The Celebration also included a delightful Children's Garden with stops for face painting, henna designs, petting Peter Cottontail, etc.

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